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SUBJECT: ECEVIT AGAIN URGES RESUMPTION OF EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN

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1. FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A WEEK, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT HAS PUBLICLY CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO BE MORE VIGOROUS IN PRESSING TURKEY'S RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN.

2. IN A STATEMENT SENT TO A LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE SPONSORED
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BY THE AEGEAN UNIVERSITY IN IZMIR MARCH 2, ECEVIT CALLED

ON THE GOVERNMENT TO RESUME EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN.
ECEVIT SAID THAT IT WOULD BE "JUST AS DANGEROUS TO WAIT FOR
THE EQUIPPING OF VESSELS OR THE IMPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT TO
CONTINUE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH" IN THE AEGEAN AS IT WOULD BE
TO "WAIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WAR INDUSTRY TO DEFEND
OUR LAND FRONTIERS." ECEVIT STATED THAT UNLESS THE
"SCIENTIFIC AND POLITICAL REALITIES" OF THE AEGEAN FORMED THE
BASIS FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE AEGEAN DISPUTE, THEN THERE
WOULD BE "NO POSSIBILITY TO ELIMINATE THE TENSIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES." ECEVIT ALSO URGED THE GOT TO OPPOSE
ANY GREEK EFFORT TO CLAIM ARCHIPELAGO RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN.
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